



BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

374 KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
(213) 974-7691



June 9, 2010 MEETING

374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Steven Afriat, President
Renée Campbell, Vice President
Sara Vasquez, Commissioner

County Representatives

Barbara Goul, County Counsel
Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector
Carmen Sainz, Regional Planning

Absent Commissioners

James Barger, Commissioner
Diana Wood, Secretary

Guests

Michelle Diaz, Kennedy Court Reporter
Craig Sanchez
Frank Espinoza
Roger Diamond, Attorney
Gail Cargill
Michael Franklin
Harold Douglas
Danielle Humphrey

Commission Services Staff

Twila P. Kerr
Lupe Duron

MEMBERS

STEVEN AFRIAT

PRESIDENT

RENÉE CAMPBELL

VICE-PRESIDENT

DIANA WOOD

SECRETARY

JAMES BARGER

COMMISSIONER

SARA VASQUEZ

COMMISSIONER

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

MINUTES

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of June 2, 2010 – Approved.

Motion: Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Hearing on Application for Bookstore-Adult/SC Business License ID#136841

In-Crowd Inc/Frank Javier Espinoza
Fun Zone Gifts
20615-17 Soledad Canyon Road
Canyon Country, CA 91351 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Mr. Frank Espinoza informed the Commission that his store is currently sectioned off and part of the store is restricted to patrons under the age of 18. Attorney, Roger Diamond stated that a Sheriff Deputy who visited the store advised Mr. Espinoza to obtain an adult business license given that he was selling adult content.

Mr. Espinoza responded to questions posed by the Commission and stated that his clerks would be monitoring customers and signs are posted indicating the required age limit for entry. The store operates 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to midnight and is located in an industrial/retail area of Soledad Canyon. Mr. Espinoza was informed that in his absence a licensed manager is required to be present. Also, due to the fact that he currently allows minors in part of his store, security should be heightened to ensure no one under the age of 18 is allowed to enter once the license is issued.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

- All County Codes be adhered to;
- All City of Santa Clarita rules and regulations be adhered to;
- Adult contents inside the store can not be visible from the street; and
- Prominent signage in both English and Spanish is posted at the front entrance indicating no one under the age of 18 is permitted.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez

Vote: Unanimously carried

Application For Issuance Of Information Card And Notice Of Intention To Solicit

Harold Douglas
Stay Free Ministries Outreach Inc.
P.O. Box 78759
Los Angeles, CA (Second District)

Mr. Harold Douglas provided a brief background on the organization. Stay Free Ministries Outreach raises funds to assist men and women who are coming out of residential treatment programs or have completed similar programs while incarcerated. In addition, twice a month they provide food and clothing to families and the homeless on skid row, in conjunction with New Salvation Ministries. Their staff consists of three members and they currently require three signatures on all checks. They will be conducting a fundraiser this Saturday, behind the Union Rescue Mission and encouraged everyone to join them.

Mr. Michael Franklin added that he focuses on the educational aspect of the non profit ministry and is currently working on providing free encyclopedia's to every third grader in the California Unified School District. Mr. Franklin's main focus is to provide education, inspiration and motivational reading material to children in need.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the issuance of the Information Card.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the application for Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Application for Massage Parlor-General/SC Business License ID#136924

Craig Vicent Sanchez
Massage With A Healing Touch
24130 Valencia Blvd
Valencia, CA 91355 (Fifth District)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, and reported the Sheriff Department has no objection to issuance of the license.

Mr. Craig Vincent Sanchez stated he is setup as a kiosk at Whole Foods. Mr. Sanchez is visible to all patrons and his clients are fully clothed while obtaining a massage. He added that he has a corporate account that requires him to set up his massage table at a business

in a different location. Ms. Hernandez informed Mr. Sanchez that issuance of the license only allows him to conduct massages at the location of his business. She also added that each technician is required to have their own license.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission approved the aforementioned license

Motion: Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

Hearing on Recommendation to Deny Food Establishment Business License ID#135629

Roddy Khatib
Sierra Market and Cafe
36153 Sierra HWY
Palmdale, CA 93550 (Fifth District)

President Afriat noted that Mr. Roddy Khatib, applicant did not appear at the hearing he is currently out of the country. Mr. Khatib is expected to return to the United States at the end of June.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's office, reported that this application is recommended for denial by the Department of Public Health for unapproved by plan check. Eric Edwards, Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Antelope Valley/Santa Clarita District has been in contact with the applicant's representative to correct the problems.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission continued the above-mentioned item to July 14, 2010.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission adjourned at 10:41 a.m.



Steven Afriat, President